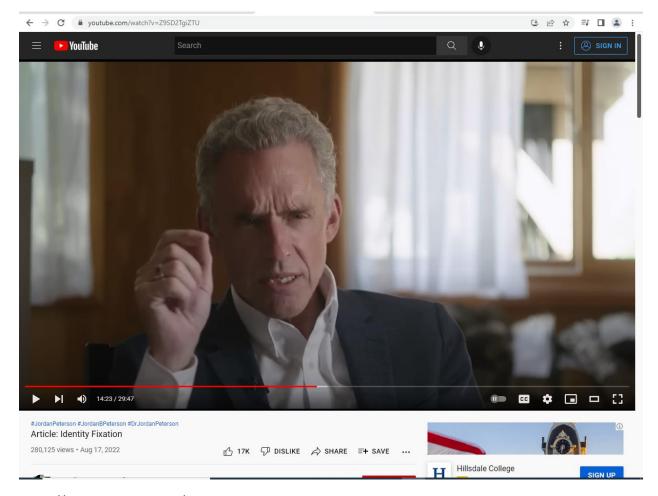
Identity Fixation (2022/08/17)



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New generations - more and more - fail to progress past social strategies conceived by the age of two. Dr. Jordan B Peterson explains how roles dictated by feelings and ego, rather than by social and group progression, can be entirely detrimental.

Transcript:

0:00

hello everyone i want to read a piece

0:02

that i recently wrote and i write these

so that i can think them through very
0:06
carefully by the way instead of just
0:07
reading them
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or
0:09
spontaneously uttering them
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sometimes that works but sometimes you
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have to think things through more in
0:15
more detail this is about identity i
0:17
entitled it identity fixation
0:20
degenerate protestants
0:22
and two-year-olds
0:26
the great psychologist carl jung
0:28
believed that while the fundamental
0:30
threat posed to the integrity of the
0:32

catholic church

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was associated with the temptations of
0:35
centralized power so the pull of
0:38
authoritarianism the threat to
0:40
protestantism
0:41
was unconstrained factionalism
0:44
jung believed that the logical
0:46
conclusion of the protestant revolution
0:48
was atomization
0:50
serious and wide-reaching enough so that
0:52
all those in the protestant world
0:54
would end up members of their own
0:57
personal church
0:59
the wars that currently rage in our
1:01
culture around issues of identity

can be profitably considered in that
1:06
light
1:07
the radical activists who purport to be
1:10
on the left and therefore standing for
1:12
the oppressed and marginalized
1:15
have attributed to each individual the
1:17
omniscient omnipresent and omnipotent
1:20
power
pos.
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1:21 once reserved only for god
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each individual is deemed uniquely

1:36
capable of defining who they are not
1:38
only for themselves but for other people
1:41
a capability increasingly enshrined in
1:44
punitive law
1:46
furthermore the epistemological grounds
1:48
for that claim
1:50
are equally if not more subjective
1:53
a person's identity is to be determined
1:56
by what he she or they or some other
1:59
pronoun variant feels
2:02
a philosophically preposterous claim to
2:05
say the least given the importance of
2:07
the issue at hand which is after all the
2:10
essential nature of a person
2:12

that vague and absolutely arbitrary
2:15
feeling is deemed to exist utterly apart
2:19
from any biological physical or even
2:21
social grounding
2:23
leaving the observer to wonder if it is
2:26
not at least implicitly regarded as the
2:28
manifestation of some disembodied soul
2:32
and furthermore can shift and change
2:34
with time
2:35
place and whim
2:37
in a manner also not to be questioned
2:41
this is all part of the philosophy of
2:43
the authentic self
2:46
also a doctrine of something
2:47
approximating the soul

2:49
where the genuine identity of the person
2:51
is held to be found
2:53
within
2:54
a very ill-defined locale
2:56
what is that neurological
2:58
spiritual
3:00
heavenly
3:01
and all social regulation of that
3:03
identity is held to be unacceptably
3:06
arbitrary punitive and compulsion based
3:09
and all biological determination of that
3:13
parodied as prejudiced
3:16
essentialism in the world where the
3:19
authentic self is the ultimate authority

only
3:23
the atomized individual rules
3:27
this insistence is reflected not only in
3:30
the observed doctrines of the
3:31
subjectively defined self
3:34
but also in the reconfiguration
3:36
of violence harm and offense
3:40
harm is held to be something only the
3:43
putative target of that harm can define
3:47
if i feel
3:49
that your words have hurt me
3:51
another feeling
3:52
then you are deemed
3:54
guilty
3:55
regardless of intent precedent or the

3:58
opinions of others who may very well not
4:01
agree
4:02
that a reasonable person would have been
4:04
hurt by the action or statement in
4:07
question
4:09
worse
4:10
all of this appears to be a consequence
4:12
of something approximating what freud
4:14
defined as fixation
4:17
that is failure to develop beyond a
4:20
given developmental stage or degree of
4:22
maturity
4:24
freud observed that when people hit an
4:26
insuperable obstacle in the development
4:28

of their personality
4:30
they tended to retain the patterns of
4:32
behavior that characterized their age
4:35
at the time of impediment
4:38
i learned to see this in my clinical
4:41
practice and then also in my private
4:43
life
4:45
now and then when i was discussing
4:46
something serious with one of the people
4:48
i worked with their entire yen would
4:50
shift
4:51
i remember in particular one woman
4:54
about 50 discussing an event that
4:57
occurred when she was about five
4:59

she'd been riding in a shopping cart

5:02
which her mother unfortunately left
5:04
unattended
5:05
on a slanted road
5:07
the cart sped down the road eventually
5:10
tipping spilling out my client
5:12
who then ended up in a hospital
5:14
where she was subjected to the tender
5:17
mercies
5:18
of a rather psychopathic nurse
5:21
when she told me this story her face and
5:23
her body positioning shifted
5:25
dramatically
5:27
it was as if her five-year-old self was
5:29
right there in front of me
5:32

i learned from this occurrence and many
5:34
others like it
5:35
to note very carefully any
5:38
discontinuities unpredictability or
5:41
oddities in the behavior of others
5:43
particularly if repeated and to observe
5:46
carefully
5:47
to determine the age of the spirit
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to find out what they wanted in

6:10
imaginative discussion and to allow for
6:12
clearer conceptualization
6:15
of their existence
6:17
with regard to maturation
6:20
there is a large literature on the
6:22
development of early aggressive behavior
6:25
slash childhood conduct disorder slash
6:28
adult criminality
6:30
all part of the broad class
6:32
of anti-social personality disorder in
6:34
the psychiatric slash diagnostic
6:36
terminology
6:38
anti-social personality disorder
6:41
is a pernicious manifestation

harming both those who manifest it as
6:46
they tend to be impulsive and
6:48
self-destructive in their attitudes and
6:50
actions compared to those who have been
6:52
properly socialized
6:54
and posing the substantive danger to the
6:57
stability of social organizations that
6:59
criminals and worse clearly pose
7:03
the condition
7:04
really a pattern of perception and
7:06
action
7:07
makes itself manifest very early in life
7:11
and is characterized by both a
7:13
disheartening stability and longevity
7:16
as well as a remarkable resistance to

7:19
psychiatric or social remediation
7:22
there is a subset of children
7:24
overwhelmingly male who when grouped
7:27
with others of their age
7:29
tend to bite kick hit and steal
7:33
this proclivity
7:35
which characterizes about five percent
7:37
of males
7:38
is evident as early as two years of age
7:42
in fact
7:44
two-year-olds
7:45
are the most violent human beings
7:48
if you group children in peer groups
7:50
with others of their age the
7:52

two-year-olds manifest the most overt
7:55
aggression
7:56
relying on the compulsion of others to a
7:58
degree
7:59
not seen in more mature individuals
8:02
now
8:03
two-year-olds
8:05
are not very dangerous being small
8:08
physically
8:09
unprepossessing and soft so even when
8:13
enraged cannot pose much danger either
8:15
to themselves or others
8:18
and they are certainly capable of rage
8:20
there is little behavior more dramatic
8:21
than a full-fledged two-year-old temper

8:24
tantrum arms a kimbo prostrate on the
8:27
ground fists and legs pumping and
8:29
pounding face red tears of rage
8:33
sometimes accompanied by the remarkable
8:35
ability to suspend breathing until
8:38
unconsciousness
8:41
if you ever saw an adult manifest such
8:43
behavior you would be struck dumb and
8:46
never forget it and i have seen that
8:49
more times than i care to remember
8:51
clinical research has shown that
8:53
although these intrinsically aggressive
8:55
two-year-olds exist
8:56
and these are individuals who are

perhaps more aggressive than typical
9:00
even earlier than two for reasons that
9:02
may be primarily genetic but may also
9:04
indicate disturbances in the earliest
9:06
environment of relationship
9:09
most of them are socialized before the
9:11
age of four
9:13
a critical age for the instantiation of
9:15
such socialization
9:17
according
9:18
to the freudians
9:20
this means that they have developed a
9:22
superego
9:24
an internal representation of the
9:26
external social order

9:28
primarily inhibitory in its effects
9:32
that forestalls that aggression
9:35
this is generally what people assume
9:37
when they think of
9:39
self-control
9:40
that primordial urges
9:43
urges freud would have associated with
9:44
the id that primal repository of
9:47
animalistic motivation
9:49
have become subject to social control
9:52
compulsion
9:53
and repression
9:56
this
9:57
is not
9:59

what was posited by the great
10:00
developmental psychologist jean piaget
10:04
he had a theory of integration rather
10:06
than of inhibition
10:08
this is a crucially important
10:09
distinction a fundamentally vital
10:12
philosophical distinction
10:14
with profound implications for our
10:16
understanding of child development adult
10:18
behavior and social order
10:22
it
10:22
is of
10:24
vital importance that this dysregulated
10:27
and aggressive behavior be brought under
10:30
control

control

10:31
regardless for now of the nature of that
10:32
control
10:34
by the time a child is four
10:38
why
10:40
it is normal for two-year-olds to be in
10:43
piaget's terminology
10:45
egocentric
10:47
imagine that the child maturing from
10:49
birth to two
10:50
has a set of developmental requirements
10:53
in front of him or her
10:55
at birth the child is a somewhat
10:57
unspecified set of possibilities rife
11:00
with potential
11:01

but lacking integrated control and
11:04
physical skill the child has to learn to
11:06
move with ever greater degrees of
11:09
precision
11:10
gaining the ability to voluntarily move
11:13
arms and legs and then hands and fingers
11:15
and toes as he or she learns to reach
11:17
and grasp and walk and run and kick and
11:21
jump
11:22
the child also has to learn to integrate
11:24
across all those abilities so that he
11:26
can walk and chew gum say
11:29
at the same time
11:32
simultaneously he or she has to unify
11:36
a division and affirm demonstrate

a diverse set of fundamental

biologically predicated emotions and
11:40
motivations
11:41
circuits so to speak governing goal
11:44
directed action
11:45
response to damage danger and the
11:48
unknown food and water intake
11:50
temperature regulation rage exploration
11:53
interpersonal care
11:55
11:55 and play
and play
and play 11:57
and play 11:57 this
and play 11:57 this 11:58
and play 11:57 this 11:58 is an incomplete list and its details
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of the essentially
12:09
insistence on the autonomy of the self
12:12
to assume that these diverse drives and
12:14
impulses are subject only to inhibition
12:18
as the individual matures that there is
12:21
a battle in the freudian sense between
12:23
the id and the super ego that all
12:26
socialization is essentially a
12:28
consequence of external compulsion
12:30
and that the social world is the enemy
12:32
of autonomy and freedom
12:37
how might the alternative be understood
12:41
as the infant matures towards his or her
12:44
two-year-old self
12:46
the various subsystems given at birth

12:48
and biologically instantiated organize
12:51
themselves
12:52
competitively and cooperatively into an
12:55
integrated hierarchy
12:56
with a goal
12:58
at least implicit
13:00
beginning to manifest itself at the
13:01
pinnacle
13:03
that goal
13:05
is full integration into society
13:08
and recognition by the others who make
13:10
up that society
13:12
of the value and worth of the integrated
13:14
individual
13:16

such integration occurs as a consequence
13:18
of the cooperation and competition that
13:21
makes up socialization itself
13:26
even breastfeeding is a negotiation
13:29
the child has to learn how to latch onto
13:31
the nipple without biting without too
13:34
much fuss
13:35
with a certain degree of cooperation
13:37
even in the face of hunger and
13:38
discomfort
13:40
the child is best served not only by its
13:43
demands
13:44
but by the impetus to maintain and
13:46
extend the developing mutual care-based
13:49
relationship with the mother

13:52
even those who might doubt such a thing
13:56
have had ample opportunity to observe if
13:59
they care to the proclivity for children
14:01
to burst into tears if surrounding
14:04
children do so
14:05
and to manifest distress in the face of
14:08
the distress of their mother
14:10
or father that empathy
14:13
is there very early
14:15
and is part of what regulates what might
14:17
be otherwise considered the more basic
14:19
and self-centered drive of hunger
14:22
the child must also learn how to balance
14:25
fear with the desire to explore
14:27

rage with the wish to maintain social
14:30
relations the same applies to exhaustion
14:33
and the narrow desire to dominate
14:36
most importantly with the wish
14:39
to continue
14:41
playing
14:44
by the time a child nears the end of his
14:46
or her second year of life
14:48
what might be described as the internal
14:50
hierarchical organization has made
14:53
itself manifest
14:55
the two-year-old is in some sense
14:58
internally consistent enough to be
15:00
somewhat autonomous
15:02
and to maintain enough balance across

15:04
emotions and motivations which can still
15:06
be powerfully disruptive to manage long
15:08
periods of voluntary exploration and
15:11
self-guided play
15:14
but two-year-olds
15:15
lack the ability to integrate across
15:19
others
15:20
piaget observed that two-year-olds
15:23
placed together
15:24
cannot really share
15:26
this is an average observation they
15:29
don't really play together either
15:32
each two-year-old quite likely to grab
15:34
and hoard toys for themselves plays with
15:37

said toys according to the dictates of
15:39
their individual imaginations
15:42
they are in their own subjective world
15:45
so to speak
15:46
and are as of yet unable to engage in
15:50
the true social play characteristic
15:53
of shared
15:54
pretense
15:56
let's pretend
15:58
their identities are defined
16:00
subjectively two-year-olds are
16:02
egocentric in the piagetian terminology
16:06
they will insist that the game
16:08
they have defined and fallen into
16:11
is the game that must be played

16:14
and they will become frustrated and
16:15
unruly if that egocentric play
16:18
is disrupted
16:21
around three
16:23
this changes
16:24
the properly developing child becomes
16:26
able to communicate well enough
16:28
to start to bring his or her own being
16:31
in line with that of another
16:33
one two-year-old might sit beside
16:35
another play independently with his
16:37
truck while his potential partner in
16:39
play imagines another game with a doll
16:43
now and then they might interact but
16:44

without attempting to bring their mutual
16:47
play worlds together
16:50
two
16:51
mature three-year-olds by contrast
16:54
can begin to negotiate
16:57
a shared play space
17:00
this is the beginning
17:02
both of mature identity
17:04
intensely social and thoroughly
17:06
negotiated in its nature and of
17:09
sophisticated social being
17:12
one might propose to the other you be
17:14
the daddy and all be the mummy and this
17:17
can be our house
17:19
each can then adopt that fiction as an

17:21
identity and play out the interaction
17:24
that exploratory play
17:26
is the child's primary form of thought
17:29
particularly in relationship to identity
17:31
and occurs almost entirely in a social
17:33
space
17:35
a well-developed child of three
17:38
can subordinate his or her impulsive
17:41
short-term drives
17:42
to the demands of a larger
17:45
more inclusive narrative
17:48
and can listen and take turns during the
17:50
game
17:51
as well as modifying his or her behavior
17:53

in response to the ongoing drama of the
17:56
pretend play
17:59
and there is little difference
18:01
except in degree
18:04
between successfully playing house as a
18:06
child of three to seven say
18:08
and doing the same
18:10
as an adult
18:11
the basic structure for the cooperation
18:15
and competition toward a shared end
18:17
the establishment of a peaceful loving
18:20
productive generous secure
18:22
and playful home
18:25
makes itself manifest at that early age
18:28
play is so crucially important to

18:30
children and so utterly engaging to them
18:32
because it constitutes a microcosm of
18:34
the expanded adult social world
18:39
the child who
18:41
by the age of four
18:44
insists
18:45
that only the identity has formulated
18:48
matters
18:49
and only the game that he wishes to play
18:51
is to be played
18:53
will find himself exceptionally
18:55
unpopular with his four-year-old peers
18:58
this is a complete catastrophe as the
19:01
primary agents of socialization for
19:03

children four years old and older
19:06
are other children
19:08
this means that the child who still uses
19:11
the strategies of a two-year-old at the
19:13
age of four
19:15
particularly if those strategies involve
19:17
the violence of that small percentage of
19:19
two-year-olds who spontaneously manifest
19:22
aggression
19:24
will be unable
19:26
to make friends
19:29
this means further that he or she will
19:31
basically be outcast alone frustrated
19:35
angry and arguably worse falling further
19:39
and further behind

19:41
comparatively speaking with every
19:43
passing month and year
19:45
the aggressive two-year-old who is still
19:47
kicking biting hitting stealing
19:50
having temper tantrums when frustrated
19:52
and is unable to adopt a negotiated
19:55
identity is all too frequently
19:58
a bully a narcissist a delinquent when
20:02
teenaged and then later
20:05
a criminal
20:06
the best predictor of adolescent and
20:08
adult criminal behavior is
20:11
childhood conduct disorder which is
20:14
characterized precisely by such
20:16

attributes evident upon further
20:19
exploration
20:20
at a very early age
20:22
identity
20:24
is negotiated plain and simple not
20:29
subjectively defined
20:32
for all of those who have matured past
20:34
the level of an egocentric and sometimes
the level of an egocentric and sometimes 20:37
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20:37
20:37 violent two-year-old
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punishable by law

20:57
there is nothing good about this for
21:00
anyone
21:02
the adolescents who insist that their
21:04
identity be subjectively defined and who
21:08
simultaneously toy with a fluid
21:10
self-description even at the level of
21:12
basic sex to say nothing of gender or
21:15
sexual attraction appear fixated at the
21:18
two-year-old level of development
21:21
they are ensconced in a subjective
21:24
solipsistic world of pretense which
21:27
operates independently of the concerns
21:29
of all others they insist
21:32
with all the egocentricity of a
21:34

two-year-old
21:35
that their opinion about their identity
21:37
regardless of whether that identity
21:39
constitutes a playable social game
21:41
voluntarily acceptable to others is to
21:43
be regarded as paramount with all
21:46
violations marked by what is essentially
21:49
a temper tantrum
21:51
and with all violators regardless of
21:53
intent another characteristic of
21:55
two-year-old thought to be punished as
21:58
perpetrators
22:00
why might this be
22:03
well first
22:04
children are now being born to adults

22:06 who are old enough by historical 22:08 standards to be grandparents 22:10 such adults are likely to be more 22:12 conservative and sheltering than younger 22:15 parents 22:16 they are also possessed of the resources 22:18 that make optimal deprivation for their 22:21 children difficult 22:23 if your family is wealthy why not shield 22:26 your children from all threat and pain 22:29 but therefore also from all necessary 22:32 challenge if your family is wealthy 22:35 why not give in to every material 22:37 request and fulfill every whim

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particularly if accompanied by an
22:41
unpleasant emotional outburst easily if
22:44
only temporarily quelled by parental
22:47
submission
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second
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children are increasingly likely to be
22:53
only children
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and it is highly probable that much of
22:56
the basic narcissism of the two-year-old
22:59
developmentally appropriate at two but
23:01
not thereafter is negotiated or even
23:05
pounded out by siblings who tend to be
23:08
very intolerant of excess self
23:11
absorption and attention seeking
23:14
ala tural

third

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parents are guilty
23:17
in this atomistic protestant slash
23:20
liberal sense believing at least
23:22
implicitly and often explicitly that any
23:25
restrictions placed on the development
23:28
of their darling will interfere with his
23:30
or her happiness which generally means
23:32
moment-to-moment emotional stability and
23:35
even worse
23:37
creativity
23:38
as if the relationship between
23:40
constraint and creative endeavor is
23:42
negative rather than positive even
23:45
though the latter is clearly and
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demonstrably true
23:48
we are also likewise increasingly
23:51
required to believe and even sometimes
23:53
actually believe that all social
23:56
institutions are predicated upon
23:57
compulsion and the arbitrary expression
24:00
of power
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and that the relationship between the
24:03
authentic and true individual and the
24:05
social world is fundamentally
24:07
antagonistic and something our children
24:09
must be protected from if they are to
24:11
develop fully
24:13
this extends even to the point of
24:15
skepticism about the utility and

24:17
necessity of so-called competitive games
24:21
as if it could be a game at all in most
24:24
cases without that necessary element of
24:28
competitive striving toward what is
24:30
after all the point or goal of the game
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fourth
24:37
we surround our children with attention
24:40
attracting screams
24:42
from the time they are very young
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onward
24:45
through their young lives
24:47
even when my wife and i had young
24:49
children and although we were both near
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30 we were often the youngest parents
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with the oldest children
24:55
the typical consequence of visiting
24:57
another couple with kids the same age as
24:59
ours was their immediate positioning in
25:01
front of a tv
25:03
so that they would not disturb the
25:04
adults for a few hours the kids should
25:07
have been tossed so to speak into the
25:09
basement together without anything
25:12
distracting
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so that they became bored and frustrated
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enough
25:17
to invent their own entertainment
25:20
which certainly would have entailed the
25:22
generation of the spontaneous and

25:24
mutually engaging drama
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that constitutes
25:29
pretend play
25:31
we worry very much about the content
25:33
that children are exposed to on our
25:35
ubiquitous personal phones even
25:38
more invasive than the tv that everyone
25:40
worried about for decades
25:42
but it's not the content as marshall
25:44
mcluhan pointed out
25:46
it's the medium itself
25:48
what children are not doing when glued
25:51
to a screen is a more important
25:54
determinant of their now too often
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pathological development then whatever
25:58
content they might be exposing
26:00
themselves to
26:02
there is no good evidence for example
26:04
that children who watch more violent
26:06
stories or play more violent video games
26:08
are driven towards violence by that
26:10
content
26:12
it is far more likely that kids with a
26:14
propensity for violence at age two say
26:16
are unlikely to mature out of that
26:19
propensity if their salutary play with
26:22
other children is constantly disrupted
26:25
by the presence of screens
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fifth

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and perhaps as a consequence of older
26:32
parents more resources and fewer
26:34
siblings
26:36
we radically privilege safety over play
26:39
exploration curiosity autonomy
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and encouragement
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this proclivity has been accelerated by
26:46
the rise of single mother families as
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mothers are more likely to be concerned
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about safety given the on average higher
26:53
levels of threat sensitivity
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characteristic of women and less likely
26:58
to facilitate the forms of play that
26:59
appear risky in the short term
27:02

but which have marked advantages in the 27:04 broader social world and at more 27:06 sophisticated stages of maturity 27:09 this problem is exacerbated by the 27:11 broader scale shortage of male primary 27:14 school teachers the relative dearth of 27:17 males in positions that enable the 27:19 masculine socialization of children and 27:22 the high probability that in the case of 27:24 divorce primary custody will be awarded 27:27 to the mother 27:28 all of this is made worse 27:31 by the broad scale 27:33 of male patterns of child and adolescent 27:36 care that now characterize our society

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none of this is remotely acceptable and
27:43
it is certainly not sustainable
27:45
the absence of father patterned
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socialization is a complete catastrophe
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for children as the clinical
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developmental literature makes perfectly
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clear
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kinds of pretend play they should have
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been encouraged to manifest when
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transitioning
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from the age of two to three
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this
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impulse for pretense suppressed by
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eatable helicopter parents
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re-emerges with pronounced motivational
28:35
force and no shortage of moral outrage
28:38
when interfered with when those damaged
28:40
children escape from home to school or
28:44
university and get enough freedom to
28:46
embark upon their now terribly delayed
28:49
journey of maturation
28:51
they experiment with their gender

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identity
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even extending that into the world of
28:57
sheer make-believe
28:59
hence all the experiments with animal
29:01
and fictional identities in precisely
29:04
the manner of very young children
29:06
attempting to find their place in the
29:08
social world these attempts at identity
29:11
development
29:12
should be viewed with compassion
29:14
reflective as they are both of a very
29:16
disturbed society and more particularly
29:20
a very disturbed childhoods
29:23
but that does not mean that the identity
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claims of exceptionally immature
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adolescents
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buttressed by the idiot intellectuals
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who purport to serve as teachers and
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guides
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should now come to establish our social
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norms
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let alone our laws

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